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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Communication mailed June 1, 2001 (Paper No. 8). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.¹

¹ If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension.